



# Reading is everywhere at BLINS!

At Banks Lane Infant and Nursery School reading runs throughout everything we do; from our teaching of reading and through our reading culture, Banks Lane Infants love to read!

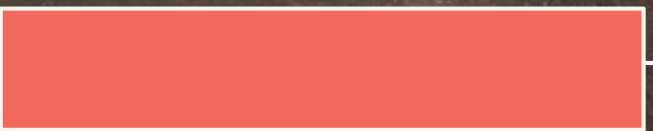
In EYFS we use a 'narrative immersion' approach to teach of the 7 Areas of Learning. We use the 'Magic Story Box' technique to immerse children in a text and use drama techniques to bring the stories used to life.

In KS1 we use DEAL (Drama Engagement Active Learning) to again immerse our children in the narrative. Topics are explored through our choice of 'quality text', drama techniques and disciplinary literacy.

Our children have a school Library where they can borrow books of their own choice in each year group. Nursery have a 'Share a Book' Library where parents/ carers can come into the Nursery to read and borrow books with their child.



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Our Learning Value characters, which are woven throughout everything in school, have a story each, written by one of our talented Teaching Assistants, Mrs Burrows. These stories are introduced to the children when they are in EYFS and are shared in assemblies and class story-times throughout the year. They are also on our website in the 'Tales from the Burrows' section.

We have many events and activities throughout the year in school that support and demonstrate the high profile we give reading.

We have...

## Author Visits



### We are readers

Lucy Keel, an ex-Banks Lane Infant pupil, who is now an author, came to visit us. She shared her story 'Robots Don't Say Please and Can't Eat Cheese' with us all.

### We are writers

She worked with each year group to write their own storybook.

### We are publishers

With Lucy's help we published our books! We shared them with her in a whole school assembly.

## BLINS Rocks!

Hidden around school were some Reading Rocks; these were rocks Mrs Rogers had painted with characters, titles and authors of different books.

## What did we do?

We had to search round our school outside at hometime each day for a week to find as many of the rocks as we could. Our families joined in too! We then had to hide the rocks for the next person to find.

## Winning Prize!

During a whole school reading celebration assembly each year group winner was announced. They won the prize of a new book for finding the most Reading Rocks! Our Reading Rocks activity was published online in UKEdMag, an online education magazine!

## Reading Rocks



## Book in a Box



We love books!

Each year group made a 'Book in a Box' to share with everyone what their favourite book was.

We are creative

We made these at home with our families and brought them into school to create a huge whole school 'Book in a Box' display.

We are excellent

Our families were invited into school to see everyone's excellent work in creating so many wonderful boxes! It was so much fun working out which books were shown in each box!

## BLINS Readers

We are regularly visited by a Librarian from Stockport Libraries. During one World Book Day we were visited by a pirate Librarian!

## Reading is Everywhere!

Banks Lane Infants don't just read lots in school; we read everywhere and all the time! We read at home and when we're on holiday!

## How Many Books Have You Read?

We take part in the Summer Reading Challenge each year. Recently we read the most books during the summer holidays than any other school in Stockport! The Librarian presented us with a trophy!

## Librarian Visits and the Summer Reading Challenge



## Reading Around Our School



## We love books!

We have a lovely library at Banks Lane Infant and Nursery School. In it each year group can choose books to borrow and take home.

## We read everywhere!

Books are in every classroom, on every corridor, in our Entrance Hall...all over our school! We have books outside to read too!

## We share our love of books!

In Year 2 each child becomes a 'Reading Buddy' for a child in Reception. The Year 2's share books with their Reading Buddy and share their own writing with them too.

## Book Fair

Every year we have a Book Fair at school where children and parents/ carers can browse books and purchase them for at home.

## Seesaw and Online

Seesaw is used in EYFS as the children's Learning Journey and allows communication between school and home about reading (as well as many other areas). Parents/ carers post videos of their children reading at home, photos and comments.

We even have a BLINS Virtual Library that can be used in school where children have read their favourite books, filmed their reading and uploaded it to Seesaw!

## Reading Parents Meeting

At the start of each new academic year each year group has a meeting for parents where our approach to reading and how children can best be supported at home is discussed.

## Parents, Carers + Reading at Home



Welcome to Banks Lane Infant and Nursery School's Virtual Library!

Click on the pictures on the following page to hear a story read by one of our children

### How You Can Best Help Your Child

Experts in literacy and child development have discovered that if children know eight nursery rhymes by heart by the time they're four years old, they're usually among the best readers by the time they're eight.

<https://www.jibc.org.uk/teach/schoolradio/nursery-rhymes-sings-indexichwdgms>

- Reading is one of the best ways that you can help your child at home.
- Singing nursery rhymes, sharing stories, reading books yourself as a model for your child, reading road signs, posters, magazines... anything to promote a love of and foster a positivity around reading; make reading a daily part of life.
- Visit the local library; Stockport Central Library on the A6, Offerton Library is on Mallowdale Road, SK2 5NX. There are free story-times at the libraries. Look online for times and dates.
- One Stockport Hub is situated in the town centre (the old Argos shop) and has a children's and family library within it.